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ARREST ALLEGED GAMBLERS.

Police Get Fourteen Men and
Boxes of Poker Chips.

A squad of police from the Second precinct swooped down upon an alleged poker game on the second floor of 107 Tenth street northwest early yesterday morning, and got fourteen men, three padded tables, two tin boxes filled with poker chips and \$120 in change.

Serge J. R. Hood, who was acting lieutenant, led a squad composed of Serge J. W. Kerson, Acting Serge, William Haller, and Privates G. B. Lewis, J. C. Dunn, E. H. Whittaker, H. M. Woodard, E. L. Gibson, C. H. Stiel, H. R. King, and Ruby Downes up a ladder to the second floor.

A man giving his name as Walter L. Harris, and his age as thirty years, was arrested and charged with permitting

gambling on his premises, while thirteen men were held as witnesses. Bond of \$500 was required of Harris.

To take the captured men and paraphernalia to the station necessitated three trips.

WILSON FIFTY-EIGHT TODAY.

No Special Celebration Planned by
President for Birthday.

President Wilson will be fifty-eight years old today. No special celebration will mark the event, other than a reunion of his family, two of his daughters, Mrs. Sayre and Miss Margaret, being present, together with a number of relatives.

He will give his usual time to office duties, but during the afternoon will be with his family and relatives.

HURT BY BURSTING PIPE.

Call Sent to Fire Department When
Embers Start Blaze.

A bursting hot water pipe badly injured Mrs. William McCaulley, 226 I street northwest, yesterday morning, and resulted in a call being sent for the fire department. A piece of flying metal struck her in the chest. She was attended by her family physician.

During the excitement some person pulled the fire alarm box 22, and several engine companies responded. The damage done by the bursting pipe, with the fire which started from hot embers blown from the stove, amounted to \$75.

An automobile repair course has been added to the curriculum of an Iowa agricultural college.

Militants Aid England MISS RICHARDS TELLS WHY Lauds Fair Reservists

At her weekly talk on "Current History Day by Day" last Monday morning in Woodward & Lothrop's Auditorium, Miss Janet Richards declared that the most important happenings in the world's work for the preceding week were:

The German naval raid upon the Yorkshire coast of England.
The official proclamation of Great Britain announcing the end of Turkish suzerainty over Egypt and establishment of a British protectorate; the deposing of Khedive Abbas and the naming of his uncle, Hussein, as his successor under the more exalted title of Sultan.
The organizing of the women of England (both militant and nonmilitant) into a corps of defense, to be known as the "Women's Volunteer Reserves."

The rout of the Austrians from Serbia.
Appeals for Charity.

In home affairs Miss Richards touched upon the probable effect upon the business of the country resulting from the recent decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission permitting the 5 per cent increase in freight rates.

Miss Richards made an appeal for generous aid to the Associated Charities for the relief of our own unemployed. By supporting such an organized relief society, she declared that the possibility of fraud and of giving duplicate relief largely eliminated and that the "visitors" who investigate the many applications for relief certainly earn their small salaries many times over by the earnest and patient work they do and the valuable results attained.

Tells of German Raid.
Commenting upon the German naval raid on England, Miss Richards maintained that "from a strategic standpoint the attack was seemingly purposeless, for the purpose of first, proving the premissibility of the so-called British naval cordon around England; second, to decoy the British fleet from its base and thus lay it open to attack by German submarines; and third, to check the shipping of further reinforcements from England to France."

Miss Richards said: "The recent successes of the allies in pressing the Germans back along the Belgian frontier have doubtless been due, in part, to the British reinforcements, which have been landing in such large numbers of late."

And it seems probable that the Germans hoped to check this activity by creating a panic in England through fear of the landing of a German army by way of England's east coast.

"However, as nothing decisive seems to have resulted, the world is still wondering what the strategic value of the raid may prove to be."

How Women Are Organized.
"One direct result in England seems to be the utilizing of that formerly despised force, known as 'suffragette' activity, into a feminine organization based upon military efficiency, to be known as the 'Women's Volunteer Reserves.'"

That this organization was started by Miss Mrs. Haverfield, who first gained fame for the wonderful remount camp which she organized in South Africa during the Boer war. Her Women's Reserves are now drilled by regular British army officers, and upon passing the requisite military training, they are given commissions as drilling officers and replace the male drill masters.

"Among the distinguished English women of the 'Reservists' are the Viscountess Castlereagh, who is colonel-in-chief; the Hon. Evelyn Adam-Hobbs, honorary colonel; and the Countess Adam-Hobbs, the head drill officer."

"The primary object of the 'Women's Volunteer Reserves' is not to fight, but to



MISS JANET RICHARDS.

to do useful constructive work, such as giving first aid, cooking, signaling, motor work, and so on. It is not a matter of arms and, if necessary, to shoot in self-defense. In order to attain efficiency in all these lines they are practicing expert marksmanship, and as a result are going through a course of training to make them a thoroughly fit and disciplined body. Women doctors daily examine recruits, and must be between the ages of eighteen and forty, and cannot enlist without a rigid certificate of health.

Guard Against Sniping.
"It would appear that the English are determined that, if the enemy does land, they will be met by a force which is furnished to burn and destroy as the Germans claim was given them by the 'citizens' of Belgium, who were accused of sniping' at both officers and uniformed men."

"By organizing all their civilians, both men and women, by putting them in uniform, and by giving them the same training, they will be in a position not only to resist aggression, but to rob the enemy of all hopes for such punishment as has been meted out to lands in Belgium. Indeed, as has been already remarked by a well-known writer, how different might have been the fate of the Belgian women had there been a body of trained and armed women in their country to defend the helpless members of their sex."

Verily, may it be said that what Mrs. Pettiback Lawrence calls the 'transmuted energy' of the militant suffragette hath its uses in time of war."

At the talk this morning at 8 o'clock in Woodward & Lothrop's Auditorium, Miss Richards will present the latest phases of the European conflict, both diplomatic and military, and will discuss the possible complications to our own country resulting from continued outrages in Mexico, and the alleged revolt in the Philippines and reported Japanese aggression in the East.

She will also take up the prohibition question and the results in Russia from the Czar's nationwide prohibition of vodka.

Macfarland Tells Why "Half Plan" Must Stay

Cites Facts and Figures in Strong Support of the Present
System of Appropriating for District—Expects
Defeat of Johnson Rider.

Henry H. F. Macfarland, chairman of the executive committee of the committee of one hundred, said yesterday that he constantly is being asked what the executive committee of the committee of one hundred is doing to aid in preserving the half-and-half plan of appropriations for the National Capital, and that an obvious response is to ask the questioners what they are doing to preserve the half-and-half plan. The executive committee is composed of busy persons and with no paid agent, and may act only as a means of co-operation for public-spirited citizens, he said.

"Fortunately," said Mr. Macfarland, "many such citizens all over the country, men as well as women, are working in the committee as a result of the efforts of the executive committee last spring and this winter. Publicity of the need for this action was not so necessary this winter, thanks to all that was done through the executive committee by local and national civic organizations last spring."

"Representative citizens everywhere were informed so that they could intelligently petition Congress by personal interview and letters rather than by mail petitions. National organizations have been continuously informing constituents. The American Civic Association held its meeting here in December chiefly for that purpose."

"In tactful and courteous ways the hands of friends of the National Capital in Congress are being strengthened. Senators and Representatives are being given the facts which form the argument for maintenance of the half-and-half plan. The executive committee once more reminds members of the committee of 100 and civic organizations that this process of exercising the right of petition should be continued steadily and tactfully until the 'rider' on the District appropriation bill destroying the half-and-half plan has been finally defeated."

"We have every reason to expect that the subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Appropriations will strike out the 'rider,' that the full committee will so report to the Senate and that the Senate will approve that action. A change of forty-four votes in the House would defeat the 'rider' when the matter again is voted upon."

"The executive committee is ready to furnish any Senator, Representative or citizen with citations to Congressional committee reports and census bulletins containing the history of the National Capital, reasons for the half-and-half plan and the comparative taxation of Washington and other cities."

Gives "Bolted Down" Facts.

"Bolted down, these facts are: 'That Washington and Jefferson founded this city for purely governmental purposes as the Capital of the nation. 'That it is and must be absolutely under control of Congress. 'That five-sevenths of the original area, still the most valuable, was given to the United States for nothing.

"That it has two free strips of land to the streets, and that it is, therefore, the only city in the world that has withdrawn large additional tracts from taxation for its own purposes and by its own residents."

"That at least one-half in value of real estate now belongs to the United States which can pay no taxes."

"That the magnificent city of George Washington and his reports of Congressional committees show that the whole country was maintained in capital and not simply the few residents."

"That under the half-and-half plan worked out by five Congressional committees, including two joint committees studying between 1874 and 1878, embodied in the act of June 1, 1878, called by the Supreme Court 135 U. S. 208, the 'organic act' and the constitution of the District, and not to be lightly or hastily changed. Washington has made its present progress."

"That continued progress depends upon the maintenance of the half-and-half plan, that the people of the country generally are proud of what has been done, and that Washington to be in all respects the best capital on earth."

"That they do not begrudge the small per capita contribution of the District residents, which they make under the half-and-half plan as against 15 per capita given by District residents."

People Don't Want Repeal.
"That our fellow-countrymen are not asking for repeal of the half-and-half plan, but want the government to do more for its Capital in carrying out plans for physical and moral improvement."

"That those plans presented to Congress during the past fifteen years by the District Commissioners and others require annually the appropriation of all available revenues of the District and a corresponding equal contribution of the United States if progress is not to be halted."

"That it would be impossible for the 20,000 residents to properly perform the task of 100,000 Americans in maintaining the common Capital."

"That a permanent uniform proportion of contribution, conveniently one-half, is essential to the Capital's progress and to justice for its inhabitants, as otherwise, in the language of Mr. Blackburn, Kentucky, who reported the 'organic act' to the House, the whole matter would depend on the 'whim and caprice' of each recurring session."

"That the 'Bureau of Education' for many years, and has studied in this country and in several European countries."

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capital assessment in 15 of the 156 cities. "That the more important per capita levy assessment and the rate combined for Washington was \$15.75, which was more than the per capita levy in 10 out of 156 cities. Only thirty-nine cities had a higher per capita assessment and only forty-five a higher per capita tax levy than Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New Orleans, Seattle, Jersey City, Kansas City, Indianapolis, Louisville, St. Paul, Atlanta, Toledo, Columbus, Worcester, Birmingham, Memphis, Scranton and other great manufacturing and commercial cities of much greater wealth than the National Capital are among those having a lower per capita tax levy. The Treasury reports show that the National Capital pays more than its share of national taxes."

"That it furnished more than its quota of troops, as well as the first defenders. In the civil war, and more than its quota in the war with Spain, while its contributions, not only to the National Capital and to every national undertaking, governmental and philanthropic, but to every kind of local endeavor, to erect a public spirit and patriotism equal to that of any other city."

"That in the language of the Senate District Committee of 1903 this city is the 'child of the Union,' created for its own purposes, and that the design of the Constitution and its founders was to create a residence for the government, where they should have absolute and unlimited control, which should be regulated and governed by them without the interference of the partial interests of the States, which should be built up and sustained by their efforts and resources, not dependent upon the will and resources of any state or local interest."

FORMER MISS STORY,
IN WAR ZONE, IS ILL.

Comtesse de Buisseret Not Heard from
by Parents Here or by Husband
in Petrograd.

Despite efforts of the State Department to procure information, no word has been received by Maj. Gen. John P. Story, U. S. A., retired, and Mrs. Story, from their daughter, Comtesse de Buisseret, seriously ill in a Brussels hospital.

Comte de Buisseret, formerly Belgian Minister to the United States, and well known in Washington, is now in Petrograd at his post as Belgian Minister to Russia. It is said that he, too, is shut off from communication with his wife and was refused permission to join her by German authorities.

"The only word we have had from my sister in the last two months came to us Christmas Eve through the Dutch government," said John P. Story, Jr., at his home at 1015 K street yesterday.

"The location here ascertained through the prime minister of the Dutch government that she was in a serious condition of a Brussels hospital, where she had undergone an operation. Our own government has been unable to do anything."

Comte de Buisseret met Miss Story while an attaché at the Belgian Legation here twenty years ago. They were married at Fort Myer, where Gen. Story was stationed.

INTERNATIONAL WAR
GREATEST OF CRIMES

So Says Arthur MacDonald in Paper
Read Before Meeting of Medico-
Legal Society.

International war is the greatest of all crimes, Arthur MacDonald, a noted criminologist of this city, said in a paper on "Platform of Criminal Anthropology," which he read at the December meeting of the Medico-Legal Society, in New York on December 17.

"Degrees of criminality should be estimated according to detriment to the community," said Mr. MacDonald. "From this point of view, international crime, or war, is by far the greatest of all crimes."

"Society has no right to permit prisoners to be released who will probably return to crime," said Mr. MacDonald. "In another part of his address, 'Where it is a question between justice and the community the community should have the benefit of the doubt.'"

"The prison should be a reformatory and the reformatory a school: the object of both should be to teach good mental, moral and physical habits, both should be distinctly educational. There should be a minimum temptation to do wrong and a maximum encouragement to do right."

Mr. MacDonald is the author of many books on criminal anthropology. He was connected with the bureau of education for many years, and has studied in this country and in several European countries.

Narrowly Escapes Injury.
Mrs. C. M. Flouke, 311 Massachusetts avenue northwest, had a narrow escape from injury yesterday morning, when her electric coupe skidded at Dupont Circle and P street and ran into an electric pole. The machine struck Richard White, colored, 256 P street northwest, but he was only slightly cut on the head. The injured man was taken to Emergency Hospital.

Making the school grounds a miniature colony, with the pupils busy engaged in all kinds of productive occupations, is the device of the Birley House School, an open-air school in England.

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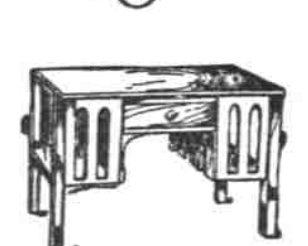
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